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Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed on or about October 10, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Delete Claims 55 to 71.

(A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached to this

Amendment.)

Amend the claims as follows:

(Amended) A vacuum process apparatus for processing at least one 35. workpiece, comprising a chamber with

two openings defining respective opening areas; and

a transport device with said vacuum chamber having a drive shaft rotatable around a rotational axis of said drive shaft;